



4
JFW

PTO/SB/21 (07-06)

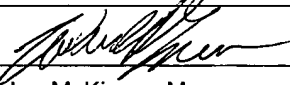
Approved for use through 09/30/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/944,171-Conf. #9842
	Filing Date	September 4, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Ming-Dou Ker
	Art Unit	2815
	Examiner Name	J. A. Fenty
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	0941-0316P

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<div>Remarks</div>		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Name	BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP		
Signature			
Printed name	ROBERT F. GNUSE		
Date	September 28, 2006	Reg. No.	32,334 27295



Docket No.: 0941-0316P
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Ming-Dou Ker et al.

Application No.: 09/944,171

Confirmation No.: 009842

Filed: September 4, 2001

Art Unit: 2815

For: ESD PROTECTION CIRCUIT WITH VERY
LOW INPUT CAPACITANCE FOR HIGH-
FREQUENCY I/O PORTS

Examiner: J. A. Fenty

BRIEF IN REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

MS Appeal Brief - Patents
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have now received the new Examiner's Answer dated August 2, 2006. Applicants have reviewed this Examiner's Answer and compared it to the Examiner's Answer dated March 22, 2006. The only difference noted is in the listing of the evidence relied upon. Accordingly, since the substance of the Examiner's Answer is unchanged, Applicants believe that the Reply Brief filed on April 21, 2006, sufficiently replies to the Examiner's Answer and is hereby incorporated by reference.

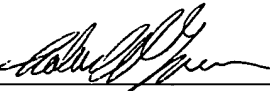
Application No.: 09/944,171

Docket No.: 0941-0316P

In view of this, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1-17 be reversed and the application allowed.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By  *ROBERT F*
McKinney Muncy
Joe McKinney Muncy *G.M.U.S.E*
Registration No.: 32,334 *2729J*
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
8110 Gatehouse Road
Suite 100 East
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000
Attorney for Applicant

KM/RFG/jg